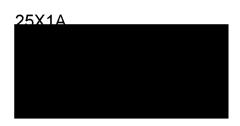
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Mr. Dulles has asked be to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 16 and its enclosure concerning various types of U.S. cooperatives.

I should like to point out that the National Security Act of 1947, which established the Central Intelligence Agency, specifically provided, "that the Agency shall have no police, subpoema, law-emforcement powers, or internal security functions". Therefore, it appears that the matters you wish to discuss are not within the province of this Agency.

Sincerely.

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Executive Assistant to the Director

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